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Mohave County Sheriff's Deputy Killed in Collision

On Saturday, April 21, 2007 at approximately 1100 P.M., Mohave County Sheriffs Deputy Phillip Rodriguez, was killed in a single vehicle collision which occurred on Interstate 40 near Milepost 34. Deputy Rodriguez was the only occupant in the vehicle at the time of the collision. He was ejected from his marked patrol car after he lost control of his vehicle which left the roadway for some unknown reason. Deputy Phillip Rodriguez was just ending his normal patrol shift when this collision occurred. The collision is being investigated by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Deputy Phillip Rodriguez, age 21, had graduated the Police Academy in December 2006 and prior to becoming a certified police officer was a Police Explorer with Mohave County Sheriffs Office for several years.

Arizona Department of Public Safety Director Roger Vanderpool stated, "It is devastating to lose such a young police officer. Deputy Rodriguez had his whole life in front of him. Our deepest condolences go out to his family and the Mohave County Sheriff's Office."